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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-7 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 1-7, "LED" should be changed to what it presents for.

Claim 1, "a light guide plate" in line 4 should be changed to –the light guide plate–;
"it" in line 10 should be change to what it refers.

Claims 2-7, "a light guide plate" in line 1 should be changed to –the light guide plate--.

Claim 3, "SMD" should be changed to what it presents for.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Parikka [US 6,592,233].

Regarding claim 1, Parikka discloses a display having a light guide plate [20], a LED display [100], a display screen [120], and a light source [50] (abstract, figures 2A-2C).

Regarding claim 6, Parikka discloses the light source [50] at a side of the light guide plate [20] (figure 2A).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parikka in view of Ahn et al. [US 2004/0070966].

Regarding claims 2-5, Parikka discloses a light source [50] but does not clearly disclose the LED, the SMD lamp and the circuit board.

Ahn et al. teach the use of the LED, the SMD LED and the circuit board [66] (figures 6-8, column 2 paragraph [0015]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the light source of Parikka with the LED, the SMD LED

and the circuit board in the lighting display device as taught by Ahn et al. for purpose of providing an advantageous way of saving electrical energy, decreasing light weight, and increasing lifetime.

7. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parikka in view of Mari-Roca et al. [US 5,390,085].

Regarding claim 7, Parikka discloses the light guide plate [20] being defined as a main visual screen and a light source [50], but does not disclose the main visual screen being provided at both sides with extension and the reflection plate being between the main visual screen and the extension.

Mari-Roca et al. teaches the use of a light guiding plate with extension at both side and a reflection plate [208] being therebetween (figure 5).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the light guiding plate of Parikka with the extension at both side and a reflection plate being therebetween in the lighting display device as taught by Mari-Roca et al. for purpose of providing a uniform illumination to an information being displayed.

Conclusion


8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Niida et al. [US 6,607,279] discloses a light guiding plate.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Q. Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2383. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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